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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

CORPORAL HERSHEL W. WILLIAMS,
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for service as set forth in the following

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Sergeant serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. To volunteer his services when our tanks were unable to vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines and black sands, Corporal Williams daringly went forward to attempt the reduction of devastating enemy positions. Covered on the front line he fought desperately for four hours under heavy machine-gun fire and repeatedly returned to his position to prepare demolition charges and obtain service ammunition, struggling back, frequently to the rear of his position, to wipe out one position after another. On one occasion he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flame thrower through the air vent, kill the occupants and silence the gun; on

another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strongpoints encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Corporal Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Harry Truman

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From 2009 Audit Report

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Revenues and other support:		
Contributions, gifts and grants	\$ 1,662,762	\$ 1,692,544
Memberships	46,140	46,675
Special event revenue	347,400	424,461
Program revenue	70,259	46,867
Interest on savings and temporary investments	82	1,265
Dividend income	75	585
In-kind donation of occupancy costs	121,949	118,397
In-kind donation of literature awards	166,957	152,476
In-kind donation of library project costs	3,553,001	385,670
Other Income	25,155	23,742
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	(4,659)
Net assets released from restriction, satisfied by payments	-	1,614
Total revenues and other support	<u>5,993,780</u>	<u>2,889,637</u>
Expenses:		
Colby Symposium	-	1,339
Library Programs	615,856	612,807
Library Scholar-in-residence	-	-
General & Administrative	1,916,329	1,915,139
Total Expenses	<u>2,532,185</u>	<u>2,529,285</u>
Increase(decrease) in unrestricted assets	<u>3,461,595</u>	<u>360,352</u>
Temporarily Restricted Nets Assets		
Net assets released from restriction, satisfied by payments	-	(1,614)
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	3,461,595	358,738
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	981,496	711,702
COLLECTIONS PURCHASED	(81,668)	(88,944)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,361,423</u>	<u>\$ 981,496</u>

INTRODUCTION

“The Pritzker Military Library is a national treasure. What they do with their programs to help tell the story of our American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen is incredible. I am proud to be associated with such a fine and effective organization.”

- Hershel “Woody” Williams



Hershel Williams

On February 23, 1945, a young Marine corporal earned the Medal of Honor amid the volcanic ash of Iwo Jima. For more than six decades, he has been the keeper of a powerful legacy. And in 2009, he chose to entrust part of that legacy to us. Hershel “Woody” Williams donated his original presentation Medal of Honor, his original citation, and a unique commemorative tapestry to the Pritzker Military Library, headlining a year of remarkable growth and success for our organization.

The 2009 Medal of Honor Convention brought Williams and 55 other Medal of Honor recipients to Chicago. We were proud to be part of that incredible week, which included Ed Tracy’s interview with World War II recipient Robert D. Maxwell. At 89 years of age, Maxwell told a story of courage under fire that was spellbinding, and it was a privilege to bring that story to so many people – to a live audience in our McHenry Atrium, to area schools and Internet viewers via live webcast, to our podcast subscribers, and to television viewers on WYCC.



Robert Maxwell

In October, the Pritzker Military Library was recognized with the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Presented annually by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Medal recognizes museums and libraries for outstanding social and educational contributions to their communities. We were one of only ten institutions nationally to receive this prestigious award.



We also presented an award of our own: the 2009 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing to Gerhard L. Weinberg, author of *A World at Arms* and other essential studies on World War II.

Dr. Weinberg received the award at the Liberty Gala, which was held on October 24th at the Palmer House. More than 400 guests joined us for a celebration of the Citizen Soldier, featuring Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs as host, an original dramatic performance by members of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, and presentation of the Founder’s Award to the Union League Club of Chicago. Together with our annual live and silent auction, the Champagne Campaign, we enjoyed a truly generous amount of support in our fundraising efforts.

However, we also bid farewell to one of our dearest friends in 2009. John Callaway was part of the Pritzker Military Library from the very beginning. As host of our flagship public affairs program, *Front & Center*, John delivered many of the most challenging, incisive, and unforgettable moments on our stage. As one of broadcasting’s consummate interviewers, it was only fitting for John to be in the interviewer’s chair for our milestone 250th program in June. His work will always guide and inspire us.



John Callaway

We’d like to thank all of our members, patrons, and donors for their support in 2009. We hope you’re proud to read this report on what you made possible.

COLLECTIONS

We received a substantial donation of books and papers from the estate of Professor Charles C. Moskos, the renowned military sociologist. The gift consists of more than 1750 books, journals, and papers on women in the military, homosexuals in the military, racial integration in the Army, compulsory military service, and the all-volunteer military.

Our archives continued to grow with donations from the service of Citizen Soldiers, such as the personal papers and medals of Lt. Donald Nay and Lt. William Ballas, both of whom served meritoriously in World War II, and materials from the service of Sgt. Samuel Caplan, who participated in the Somme and Meuse-Argonne offensives in World War I.

Other fascinating insights came from the papers and photographs of Lt. Matthew A. Gelbin, who served in occupied Japan after World War II. His collection illustrates life in Yokohama for young servicemen, including a program for the premiere performance of *The Mikado* in Japan. And the collection of Lt. Don H. Vanitzian includes an attaché case, dress and flight uniforms, medals, flight camera, personal papers, and more, making it possible for us to follow a member of the Army Air Corps through training, active duty as a cargo pilot and flight instructor in World War II, and a long tenure in the reserves.

Other donations include oral histories conducted by Larry Smith, along with his research notes. These oral histories of Medal Honor recipients, Iwo Jima veterans, Marine Corps drill instructors, and others will be a treasure trove to future researchers studying the history of the Citizen Soldier.

At year's end, the totals in our collections were...

Books
33,000 volumes

Prints and Posters
approximately 1,250 items

Photographs and Glass Plate
Negatives
approximately 6,400 items

Artifacts and Realia
approximately 1,400 items

Audiovisuals
(Videotapes, DVDs, etc.)
approximately 1,200 items

Periodicals
110 subscriptions

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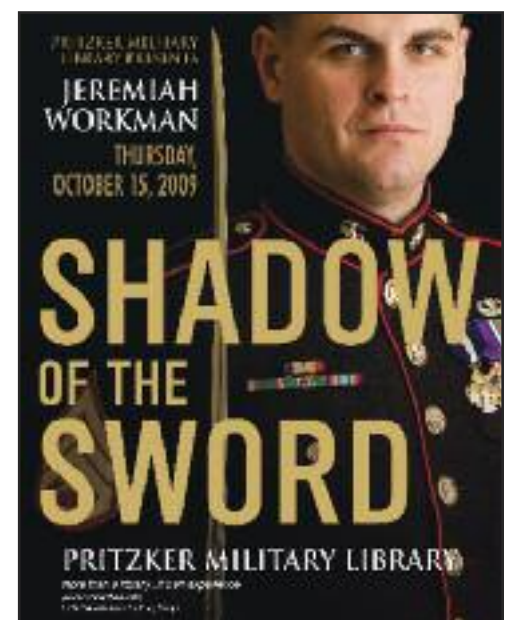
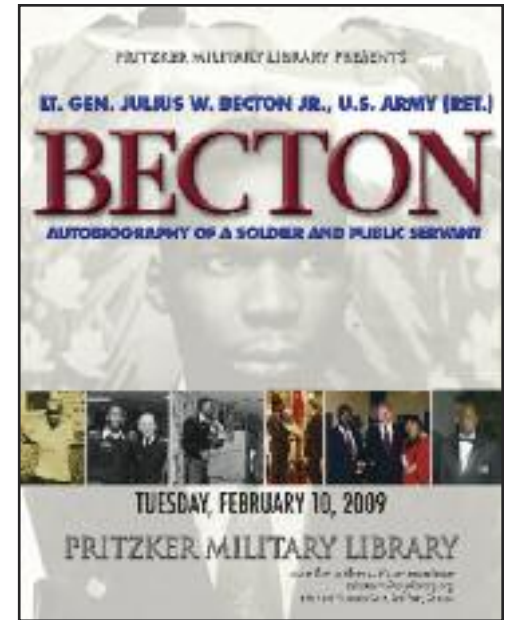
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